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Compensation to fishermen who died as a result of the accident to 'Lady Goschen'.

* 310-B *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether Government have come to any conclusion on the question of payment of compensation to fishermen who died on account of the accident to 'Lady Goschen' near Ponnani?

A.—No.

Expenditure on the trawler 'Lady Goschen'.

* 310-C *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether trawler 'Lady Goschen' is now in working order;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, what is the nature of the work in which Captain Cribb is employed;

(*c*) whether the Government have arrived at a decision regarding the future of 'Lady Goschen'; and

(*d*) what is the amount spent on repairs till now after the recent accident and the amount that will still be necessary to complete the repairs?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Captain is engaged in ascertaining the repairs needed and the cost of repairing or replacing the boiler and how and where it has to be done. He has with the help of the skeleton crew completely cleaned and painted the vessel as a preliminary to her being surveyed with a view to determining how long she will be fit for work.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Nothing has been spent since on the repairs of the vessel.

Work done by the Assistant Biologist working on the 'Lady Goschen'.

* 311 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Research Assistant and the Assistant Biologist are deputed to work on the trawler 'Lady Goschen';

(*b*) whether before the appointment of the Assistant Biologist the Research Assistant was being paid allowances only during the period he worked on the trawler;

(*c*) whether the Assistant Biologist is now whole-time officer attached to the trawler;

(*d*) whether the trawler is now out of order and, if so, the work the Assistant Biologist is now doing; and

(*e*) whether the Assistant Biologist is being paid the allowances even though the trawler is not in working order?

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A.—(a) An Inspector and an Assistant Biologist are deputed to work on the trawler.

(b) No. The Inspector of Fisheries attached to the trawler was paid the allowance irrespective of the actual period he worked on board the trawler.

(c) The Assistant Biologist works on board the trawler when she is out of port. In the intervals, between her cruises, he is engaged in collating the information collected by the trawler and in controlling and supervising the work at the two research stations, viz., Calicut and Krusadai.

(d) Yes. The trawler is out of order. The Assistant Biologist is now working in the Calicut Biological station. After the trawler was disabled he was able to attend to the reports on the trawler's work which were in arrears. He has completed the second report on the trawler's survey for 1928–29 and is now working on the third report for 1929–30. Besides this, he has been attending to the equipment of the two Biological stations at West Hill and Krusadai island with apparatus and fittings sanctioned by Government and organizing the research work of the stations, especially the research on sardine at West Hill and on pearl and chank and on commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mannar, such as, the recently discovered Pamban sardine fishery, at the Krusadai Biological station.

(e) Yes.

Work done by the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department.

* 312 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what is the nature of the work of the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department;

(b) whether he is still working on board the 'Lady Goschen'; and

(c) whether he is still drawing the special allowance sanctioned for work on the trawler?

A.—(a) Work on board the trawler when she is out of port.

Work at the Calicut and Krusadai research stations in the intervals between cruises.

The former will consist of collection of specimens while the latter will consist of charting out results obtained during cruises, recording observations, identifying specimen and control and supervision of the work of the shore stations.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Qualifications of the officer in charge of the Tanur Research station.

* 313 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether a qualified Chemistry Graduate has been appointed to Tanur Research station;